

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

- We're planning to stay in a typical Swiss _____ in the Alps.
- Millions of tourists _____ to Spain's coastal resorts every year.
- The typical British _____ travels abroad at least once every two years.
- The local people are very _____ and enjoy meeting tourists.
- The Giza pyramid is a _____ of ancient Egyptian architecture.
- Most cruise ships employ a professional _____ to entertain the passengers.
- The dry leaves made a _____ sound in the wind.
- I am a typical actor. I always _____ constant attention from others.
- A _____ is an animal that hunts and kills other animals.
- The Amazon jungle has a _____ of rare and unique plants not found anywhere else in the world.

Marks: ____ /10

2 Complete the email.

Hi Robert,

I'm writing to find out if on the off ¹ _____ you have seen Tom's proposal for our holiday this summer. Just between you and me, and strictly off the ² _____ I think it's a ³ _____ plan! It's typical of Tom, always thinking on the ⁴ _____ and coming up with mad, off the ⁵ _____ ideas. Do you think people really want to go on a walking holiday in the desert, in August? I'm not an expert in ⁶ _____, but surely temperatures ⁷ _____ 50 degrees in the summer. We must get Tom to think of another plan, that's if we can get hold of him. He's always on the ⁸ _____, rushing around here, there and everywhere. I'd much rather be ⁹ _____ and stay in an ¹⁰ _____ five-star hotel with a swimming pool than trek across the desert. What do you think?

James

Marks: ____ /10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

China travelling

With China's rising wealth a multitude of new Chinese holidaymakers have been getting to know their vast country over the past decade. Rising incomes and a more liberal regulation of the tourism and travel industries on the part of the government, have led to a sharp increase in the number of Chinese holidaymakers travelling abroad too. It is predicted that the Chinese outbound market will be the fastest growing segment in the next 15 years and may surpass 110 million trips a year by 2020. Currently Chinese nationals can obtain visas to over 80 countries worldwide and this is likely to increase in the coming decade.

For overseas tourists, China has long been an attractive destination due to its rich cultural and historical attractions and diverse natural landscapes. The rise of the country's great modern cities offering prime leisure opportunities and luxury five-star hotels also attracts business travellers and international conference business. China's ability to host global events such as the Beijing Olympics in 2008, and the World Expo in Shanghai in 2010, has led to major developments in travel and tourism infrastructure and subsequent interest in China as a destination. The World Trade Organization predicts that China will become the world's most popular tourist destination by 2020.

- More Chinese people are taking off national holiday days.
- The government has made it easier to travel abroad.
- Soon Chinese people will be able to visit over 80 countries.
- The first five-star hotels in China were built for the Olympics.
- China is likely to become the major tourist destination.

Marks: ____ /5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- Why is there increased outbound Chinese tourism?

- What will be the fastest growing area in Chinese tourism in the short-term future?

- Why can the Chinese travel overseas extensively?

- What makes China appealing to the foreign tourist?

- How has China become appealing for international conferences?

Marks: ____ /15

Grammar

5 Complete the sentences with the present simple or continuous form of the verbs. Use some verbs twice.

feel have own prefer seem smell taste think

- My sister rang to say she _____ a great time on the school trip to Paris.
- The manager _____ that it's a good idea to ask a comedian to entertain the guests.
- I _____ a bit tired at the moment. Let's meet up later this afternoon.
- I'm not keen on the beach. Given the choice, I _____ going to the mountains.
- The sandwiches from the new vending machine _____ delicious.
- I don't think this perfume _____ very nice.
- I _____ of going to see the match this weekend. Do you want to come along?
- Juliet _____ to be very happy at her new school, though I'm sure she's missing us.
- One day, when I get a good job, I'd like to _____ a sports car.
- I _____ serious doubts as to whether a holiday on a cruise liner will be much fun.

Marks: __ /10

6 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- British tourists are flocked to the Spanish coast ever since the 1960s. _____
- Today teenagers are used the internet more to help them do their homework. _____
- Future space travel has gradually turning into reality with the development of passenger shuttle rockets. _____
- Food prices rise sharply in the last quarter of the twentieth century. _____
- Many air passengers were not conscious of the cost to the environment of their flights but this is start to change. _____
- Up until the recent recession travel on low-cost airlines was become increasingly popular. _____
- Sales in music CDs have falling dramatically in this age where you can download music from the internet. _____
- We're see two new major trends in youth fashion at the moment. _____
- Inter-continental travel by train is been increasing considerably in recent times. _____
- Many restaurants are not responding to a growing need for special diets, but by the 1990s this changed with vegetarian choices becoming widely available. _____

Marks: __ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Dan How was your holiday?
- Tom I went with my parents to stay in a caravan near the Grampian Lake.
- Dan How idyllic! The sun ¹ _____ on the calm waters, leaves ² _____ in the wind ...
- Tom Actually, it was ³ _____. Have you ever stayed in a caravan in the rain? It's a constant ⁴ _____, just like coins being dropped on a tin.
- Dan Well, I guess the countryside must have been nice? Green?
- Tom No, it's so ⁵ _____, there isn't a tree or building for miles. Anyway, where did you go?
- Dan A six- ⁶ _____ hotel in Dubai. Everything was really ⁷ _____, fit for a king.
- Tom Wow, that was ⁸ _____! How much did that cost?
- Dan Nothing. We were invited to stay with some friends of the family. They're going to Switzerland soon. I'd love to stay in a typical ⁹ _____ with an amazing ¹⁰ _____ point of the beautiful mountains.

Marks: __ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

- A ¹ _____?
- B It was fantastic. I've never been on a safari before.
- A ² _____?
- B We saw lots of wild animals and met some local people.
- A ³ _____?
- B They were really hospitable, though they never miss an opportunity to try to sell you something.

Dialogue 2

- A Would you like to stay in a seven-star hotel?
- B ⁴ _____.
- A So would I, but ⁵ _____, do you? We're not millionaires.

Marks: __ /10

Writing

9 Write a persuasive essay on the benefits of spending holidays in the countryside or in the mountains. Write 200 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:

- Write about your general opinion.
- Present your main argument.
- Write a supporting argument.
- Conclude your essay.

Marks: __ /20

TOTAL: __ /100

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

abundant brainstorm coin document intriguing
innovative inspiration originate pass away term

- It was an _____ story, full of mystery and suspense.
- The 'New Home RTX' is an _____ new cleaner that makes housework quick and easy.
- The carrot is thought to have _____ from Afghanistan and surrounding areas.
- Many problems can be solved by _____ several people's ideas.
- All information relating to the crime has been carefully _____ by the police.
- As an artist, I get a lot of _____ from the Dutch masters, such as Rembrandt.
- Language is constantly changing as new words are _____ and other words become obsolete.
- This is a dictionary for the medical profession with hundreds of up-to-date medical _____.
- There is an _____ supply of water, which means crops can be grown all year round.
- Jackie's grandfather _____ peacefully at the age of 97.

Marks: ____/10

2 Complete the text.

A day in the life of a freelance journalist

After a shower and breakfast, it's straight to work. I go to my study, which I call my WOR. This ¹ _____ means 'Work Only Room'. I ² _____ on my computer, then I spend the first hour or so ³ _____ the internet for news and interesting stories. My housekeeper arrives at 9 a.m. and always asks me if I would ⁴ _____ for some tea. I always say yes! From nine to eleven, I ⁵ _____ data for the article I'm working on, then I start to write before lunch. If I get a bit bored, I write some fun ⁶ _____ using the letters in my name or I make a list of all the popular ⁷ _____. I know about a certain topic, though I try not to use them in my articles!

I like to listen to the radio while I'm writing, so I download ⁸ _____ of my favourite programmes. As I work from home, I do a bit of social ⁹ _____ after lunch and I update my blog. These days I often attend online interviews through ¹⁰ _____ – so I rarely need to leave home!

Marks: ____/10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

New words in English

As the world of technology, fashion and politics changes, new words get coined every day.

- Compounds are the most common type of new word, where two existing words are combined to give a new meaning. It is not hard to guess what *social networking* or *home-schooling* mean if you understand the original elements. You are probably familiar with compounds such as *hardware* and *software*.
- 'Portmanteau' words are similar to compounds, but may include only part of both of the original words in the new word. Consider the example of *guesstimate* coming from the original words *guess* and *estimate*.
- Perhaps the most dynamic way of forming new words in English comes from the invention of new phrasal verbs. Phrasal verbs are formed by adding an adverb or preposition to an existing verb, for example *scroll down* and *click through* in computer language.
- Old words can also be altered to make them sound more humorous, or fashionable. Examples are *barbie* for *barbecue* or *prezzie* for *present*. These words are often shortened forms of the original words.
- New words don't just originate from within the language. English has loan words from many different languages from around the world too. *Tsunami*, for example, comes from Japanese meaning a large wave.

- Compounding words is the most typical way of forming new words.
- A Portmanteau is a blend of words which joins two full original words.
- Almost all new phrasal words are about computers.
- Some new words come from modified old words.
- Loan words come from European languages only.

Marks: ____/5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- Why do new words appear in languages?

- What is a compound?

- How is a portmanteau word different to a compound?

- How is a phrasal verb formed?

- How can you make old words sound fashionable?

Marks: ____/15

Grammar

5 Choose the correct modal to complete the sentences.

- 1 Could / Would you mind opening the window, please?
- 2 Can / Might you need some help with your suitcase?
- 3 Might / Would I suggest that you study before taking your maths exam again?
- 4 The management would / could ask that you leave your valuables in the deposit box.
- 5 Could / May you possibly show me how to fill in the application form?
- 6 We could / would ask that you don't take any photos during the performance.
- 7 May / Would you be interested in joining the chess club?
- 8 Might / Could you turn down that music, please?
- 9 I would / could think it's about eight o'clock.
- 10 Could / May you tell me where the station is, please?

Marks: ___ /10

6 Rewrite the sentences to make them more formal. Use distancing techniques and the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I would like to catch the next train to Paris. (hope)

- 2 Do you want a first-class or economy-class ticket, sir? (want)

- 3 I want to buy a new watch for my husband. (think of)

- 4 Do you want to go out this evening? (wonder)

- 5 What do you have in mind? (have)

- 6 I want to book a table at your roof-top restaurant. (want)

- 7 For how many people? (would, be)

- 8 When would you like to collect the TV? (want)

- 9 We would like to have it by the weekend. (hope)

- 10 Are you going to pay by credit card or by cash? (want)

Marks: ___ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

Erika Good morning. I ¹ _____ if you could help me. I was ² _____ to buy an English dictionary.

Assistant Is it to help you study English?

Erika Yes. I'm ³ _____ for an advanced dictionary.

Assistant ⁴ _____ a look at this one. It has over 180,000 words.

Erika I have to do some creative writing. Does it have a section on typical ⁵ _____ and metaphors? I also need a list of typical ⁶ _____, like 'it's raining cats and dogs'.

Assistant It has all that plus a section on typical ⁷ _____ to show which words are used together like 'to coin a new word'. There's also a version that comes with some ⁸ _____, a CD-ROM version of the dictionary which you can use on your computer.

Erika Great, I ⁹ _____ like to take it.

Assistant ¹⁰ _____ you want the CD-ROM version?

Marks: ___ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

A ¹ _____?

B I first became interested in computers at a young age, when I was about eight years old.

A ² _____?

B My first was an Apple Mac.

A ³ _____?

B No, I sold it and I have had many computers since then. Technology moves quickly!

Dialogue 2

A I was wondering what social networking involves.

B It is using some popular websites to ⁴ _____.

A Might you also explain to me what podcasts are?

B Of course. They are ⁵ _____.

Marks: ___ /10

Writing

9 Write an opinion essay on the following statement: In the next few decades most people will read e-books and not traditional books printed on paper. Write 200–250 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:

- Explain what e-books are and how they work.
- Explain why e-books are effective.
- Explain why e-books are better than traditional books.
- Conclude your essay.

Marks: ___ /20

TOTAL: ___ /100

Vocabulary

1 Replace the underlined words with a suitable word or expression.

- 1 You don't need to have specific scientific knowledge to work here. _____
- 2 If you think too much about problems, you can make them worse. _____
- 3 There is a lot of unimportant and useless information in the report. _____
- 4 Angela has officially asked an architect to draw up the plans. _____
- 5 The changes made to the town centre were enormous and on a large scale. _____
- 6 The ring wasn't very well-made according to the goldsmith. _____
- 7 He wrote a very good description of what happened in the dispute. _____
- 8 I tend not to trust factual information in some online encyclopaedias. _____
- 9 You should put salted fish into water before using. _____
- 10 How do you measure the thickness of a gas or liquid? _____

Marks: ____ /10

2 Complete the text.

Thieves ¹_____ into the home of mega star Hollywood actress Stella Carr last night. Carr, described as ²_____-rich, is probably one of the wealthiest women in the world. At the time of the crime the actress was taking a ³_____ at her holiday home in the Caribbean. Carr, who is famously anti-⁴_____, has made no comment. Her press secretary, however, claims that a draft copy of her much awaited ⁵_____ biography has been taken. According to police, a security guard was attacked and left semi-⁶_____. He had no injuries except that his front tooth was broken ⁷_____. It was a ⁸_____ -function in the alarm system which allowed thieves to enter the luxury mansion. Carr's publishers described the incident as a small ⁹_____ which a great star like Stella would easily ¹⁰_____.

Marks: ____ /10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

The invention that could have changed the world

Man's interest in travelling backwards and forwards in time has been the subject of science, philosophy and literature over the centuries. It was probably H.G. Wells' science-fiction novel *The Time Machine*, 1895, that has most popularized the idea of time travel. One could argue that it is the greatest world-changing invention that has never happened. Just think how many of the world's disasters and setbacks could have been overcome if we were able to travel back in time. But would it be wise to do so? Some scientists claim that it would mean having to travel into a parallel universe which in turn might provoke monumental changes in history, eliminating the world as we know it today.

The laws of physics make time travel into the past unlikely. Time travel into the future, however, is theoretically possible. Travelling into the future could give us valuable information to help avoid future disasters. Einstein's theory of 'Time Dilation' forms the basis of the current scientific thinking on future time travel. Most scientists, however, agree that that it is not probable. Stephen Hawkins pointed out that the fact that there are no tourists from the future is evidence that time travel cannot exist. Carl Sagan, on the other hand, suggested that time travellers might already be here but we're just not aware of them!

- 1 H.G. Wells invented the idea of the time machine.
- 2 Time travel into the past could solve problems in the past.
- 3 Physical constraints make time travel into the past impossible.
- 4 Scientists believe that future time travel is probable.
- 5 Carl Sagan believes that although we can't see them, people from the future might be among us.

Marks: ____ /5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- 1 How could travel into the past help people in the past?

- 2 Why might it be a bad idea to travel back into the past?

- 3 What would be the benefits of travelling into the future?

- 4 Why does Hawkins claim time travel can't exist?

- 5 Why is it the 'greatest invention that never happened'?

Marks: ____ /15

Grammar

5 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Supposing an apple hadn't fallen on Newton's head, he might not having discovered gravity. _____
- 2 So long than you work hard at school, you will get your leaving certificate. _____
- 3 If only we had known your arrival time, we would come to meet you. _____
- 4 Unless I earn a lot of money, I couldn't see how I'm going to afford a car. _____
- 5 Imagining not having electricity at home. Our lives would be more difficult. _____
- 6 The king said he would pay the goldsmith only in condition that he completed the ring in two weeks. _____
- 7 Suppose it hadn't rained in twelve months. The effects of the drought problem would have be exacerbated. _____
- 8 I will call round at your house later providing I will finish my homework. _____
- 9 Supposing Karen hadn't won the tennis tournament. She wouldn't have became a national star. _____
- 10 Unless scientists make a monumental breakthrough in physics, man wouldn't be able to travel faster than the speed of light. _____

Marks: ___ /10

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If only the weather _____ (be) better, we could go out for a walk.
- 2 If only they _____ (not leave) so early this morning, we could have warned them about the road works.
- 3 If only time machines existed, then we _____ (can) travel back into the past and correct our mistakes.
- 4 If only I _____ (know) more about information technology, I could get a better job when I leave school.
- 5 If only I had known it was John's birthday, I _____ (buy) him a present.
- 6 If only Janet would _____ (listen), then we could make much more progress on the project.
- 7 If only the Japanese language were less complicated, then more foreigners _____ (speak) it.
- 8 If only Amanda had studied more at school, she _____ (go) to university.
- 9 I've got so much school work to do – if only I _____ (be) on holiday right now!
- 10 If only they _____ (not buy) a new house, they could have gone on the world cruise.

Marks: ___ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Tony Do you want to sponsor me for the marathon?
- Matt Are you sure you'll be able to run?
- Tony Yes, but to be honest I think I will ¹ _____ a bit because of my foot injury. If ² _____ I had been more careful when I was training, I ³ _____ be in better condition. Of course, I ⁴ _____ the problem by not going to see a physiotherapist earlier.
- Matt Maybe you should take a ⁵ _____ for a few weeks?
- Tony Oh no, it's not that bad. My injury has improved ⁶ _____ over the past few weeks, and I feel very confident. So ⁷ _____ as I follow my special foot exercises, I'll be able to ⁸ _____ this setback. You have to ⁹ _____ to be successful.
- Matt I agree, that it's important not to give up easily, but I will only sponsor you ¹⁰ _____ the condition that you take it easy and listen to your therapist.

Marks: ___ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

- A ¹ _____, what would you have done?
- B I suppose I would have gone to university. I just hate exams.
- A If ² _____.
- B But I did listen to you. Anyway, I think I've found a job.
- A ³ _____?
- B You don't need any specialist knowledge for this job.

Dialogue 2

- A Where's your car?
- B ⁴ _____.
- A What was wrong with it?
- B ⁵ _____.
- The mechanics are repairing it as we speak.

Marks: ___ /10

Writing

9 Write an opinion essay agreeing or disagreeing with the following statement: **Information technology enables people to communicate more efficiently.** Write 200 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:

- Write generally why you agree or disagree with the statement.
- Present and exemplify two points to support your opinion.
- Present a further point to support your opinion and give examples.
- Conclude your essay.

Marks: ___ /20

TOTAL: ___ /100

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with ten of the words and phrases in the box.

awkward earning power endorsements have a say
left out market persistent potential quarrelling
set aside target unprecedented

- Most school leavers don't have the _____ to buy houses and cars.
- Michael and Terry are always _____, they should be separated.
- People don't like to feel _____ when it comes to the latest fashion.
- There has been an _____ amount of advertising of male cosmetic products in the last decade.
- Celebrity _____ of commercial products should not be allowed. They make enough money!
- John looked _____ in a suit. He's not used to dressing formally.
- There is a growing _____ for organized holidays for people who are retired.
- Valerie has a lot of _____. She could become an international athlete in the future.
- Visit our website if you want to _____ in the development of our new skateboards.
- My sister is very _____. She keeps asking me to play computer games with her.

Marks: ____/10

2 Complete the text.

Supermarkets are great for your weekly shopping, but if you are not careful, you can end up on a shopping ¹_____, spending loads of money on things you don't really need. I suggest that you always make a shopping ²_____ to prioritise your ³_____ -have items. If you are tempted to buy something that is not on your list, check the price ⁴_____ before you put it in your basket. Supermarkets like to ⁵_____ up extra business with terrific ⁶_____ and cheap ⁷_____. These can be very tempting but think first, it's easy to be ⁸_____ with money if you buy items that look like a good ⁹_____ if you don't really need them. And beware of celebrity ¹⁰_____ – this kind of publicity always try to convince you that you can't live without these items!

Marks: ____/10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

Shopping malls

The appeal of the shopping mall is obvious. Free from traffic and the elements, they conveniently provide everything you need under one roof. The mall as we know it today is a twentieth-century phenomenon, but covered markets have a long history. The fifteenth-century Grand Bazaar in Istanbul is still one of the largest covered markets in the world with over 1,200 shops and 58 streets. But it wasn't until the early twentieth-century that the first modern shopping malls began to appear in the United States. By the 1950s they were found in most major cities in the world and within two decades had spread to city suburbs.

As people's disposable income and earning power increased, the shopping mall evolved too, offering more services such as multiple-screen cinemas and food courts. It was in the 1990s that we saw the rise of the super mall – gigantic, luxurious, often housed in city centre tower blocks, and offering the very best in retail and services. Up until 2004, the West Edmonton Mall in Alberta, Canada, was the biggest super mall in the world. Since then, others have emerged such as the Dubai Mall which opened in 2008. It is one of the world's largest with over 1,200 retail outlets, 120 restaurants and cafés, an ice-skating rink, an aquarium, a luxury hotel and apartments, and sports facilities.

- The oldest shopping mall originated in 15th-century Turkey.
- Malls moved out of city centres in the 60s and 70s.
- As wealth has increased, malls have developed new attractions.
- The world's largest malls today were built in the 90s.
- Super malls offer premium goods and services.

Marks: ____/5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- What are the advantages of the modern shopping mall?

- How did the shopping mall develop in the first part of the twentieth century?

- Why have shopping malls developed their services?

- What are the characteristics of the super mall?

- Why is the mall in Dubai a good example of a super mall?

Marks: ____/15

Grammar

5 Write sentences using the passive with preparatory *there*.

- 1 think / 1,600 pandas / living in the wild
Today there _____.
- 2 estimate / 2,000 languages / speak / in Africa
There _____.
- 3 think / enormous potential / in online advertising
There _____.
- 4 believe / flat
In ancient times the world _____.
- 5 say / more users of mobile phones in India than the whole of western Europe
There _____.
- 6 think / water on one of Jupiter's moons
Up until very recently there _____.
- 7 report / over 30,000 McDonald's restaurants worldwide
In 2006 there _____.
- 8 believe / undiscovered tribes living in the Amazon jungle
Up until the 1970s there _____.
- 9 feel / a major breakthrough in the peace talks last week
There _____.
- 10 presume / many potential opportunities for sales on the internet
There _____.

Marks: ___ /10

6 Find the mistake in each line. Write the correction below.

- 1 Having work in marketing for ten years, I am very
- 2 sceptical about how teenagers is being targeted.
I am annoyed
- 3 about not been told sooner about our latest advert where we
- 4 claim that to consume our new energy drink will improve
- 5 exam results. I believe in be truthful with customers, and
- 6 have seen the scientific evidence that the drink does
- 7 not aid memory, I wish I were consulted about the key
- 8 message of the product. Having winning a prize for our
- 9 contribution to education, I insisted on cancel the campaign.
- 10 A new advert, designed now, will focus on the importance of study.

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| 1 _____ | 6 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 7 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 8 _____ |
| 4 _____ | 9 _____ |
| 5 _____ | 10 _____ |

Marks: ___ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Kate Hi Lily. What are all those bags? Have you been on a shopping ¹ _____?
- Lily I certainly have! I'm quite ² _____ at the moment ³ _____ just been paid.
- Kate I can see that! ⁴ _____ are said to be some great offers in the sales this year.
- Lily Yes, you must go! I found some wonderful ⁵ _____. The prices were unbelievable!
- Kate Shouldn't you set some money ⁶ _____?
- Lily Don't worry. Having ⁷ _____ brought up by an accountant, I'm not wasteful with money. Still, maybe some of the things I've bought are just not up to ⁸ _____ – I have very high standards.
- Kate What did you buy then?
- Lily Well, look at these shoes. They were a really ⁹ _____ buy! Only £20. Isn't that amazing?
- Kate ¹⁰ _____ being particularly interested in designer clothes, I really wouldn't know.

Marks: ___ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

- Dialogue 1
- A ¹ _____?
- B No, I don't think so. I always know what I want to buy before I go the shops.
- A ² _____?
- B No, I don't think celebrities should get involved with products and marketing.
- A ³ _____?
- B It's obvious, they have so much disposable income. Wouldn't you buy a computer if you were fifteen?

Dialogue 2

- A Do you think Microsoft has cornered the market?
- B ⁴ _____

Dialogue 3

- A This is very expensive luxury product. What group are we going to target?
- B ⁵ _____

Marks: ___ /10

Writing

9 Write a short product description. The product is for your age-group. Write about 150 words answering the questions below:

- What is the purpose of the product and who is it for?
- What are the benefits of the product?
- What does it look like?
- How and where will you advertise the product?

Marks: ___ /20

TOTAL: ___ /100

Vocabulary

1 Replace the underlined words with a suitable word or expression.

- 1 It's normal to feel dizzy at high altitudes. _____
- 2 A hot lemon drink can lessen the symptoms of a cold. _____
- 3 The smell of cheese makes me feel nauseous. _____
- 4 Karen always feels nervous before an exam. _____
- 5 It is now possible to treat with success many diseases. _____
- 6 Alison was feeling slightly ill. _____
- 7 Some medicines can cause death if taken in the wrong amounts. _____
- 8 Poor Edward, he's got a runny nose. _____
- 9 It is believed that a small amount of aspirin a day can reduce high blood pressure. _____
- 10 I couldn't stand the pain any longer, so I took a painkiller. _____

Marks: ____ /10

2 Complete the email.

The health spa is fantastic and I feel great! Here in the mountains there is nothing to ¹_____ the air so it's clean and ²_____. It's a great treatment for your ³_____, and it's really helping my ⁴_____. Fresh air and exercise are the best ⁵_____ for respiratory problems. We also follow a special diet designed to refresh internal organs like your kidneys and ⁶_____. We have daily aromatherapy sessions with oils that are plant ⁷_____, so they're very natural. Have you tried a mud bath? I thought it was going to feel cold and ⁸_____, but it's really nice! There's just one problem, for breakfast we have a horrible lemon herbal drink that tastes really ⁹_____ – apparently it is good for your ¹⁰_____ and your digestion. Anyway, I must go, I have got a yoga session!

Marks: ____ /10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true, false or don't know?

The best medicine of all

Laughing is a universal phenomenon that breaks down barriers, unites people and is generally infectious, without any side effects. Doctors agree that a good dose of laughter can contribute to good health and feeling well, but is there any real scientific basis for recommending laughter as a valid medicine?

The field of psychoneuroimmunology is the study of how psychological factors, the brain and the immune system, interact to influence health. It is now universally accepted that laughter can reduce blood pressure, reduce harmful stress hormones and boost the immune system. When you laugh, endorphins are released giving you the sense of well-being. Endorphins also act as the body's natural painkillers. On a more basic level, laughter provides us with aerobic exercise increasing the body's ability to use oxygen.

Humour therapy is a growing practice in many parts of the world and includes laughter therapies ranging from laughter meditation to laughter yoga. Another example is clown therapy, which is widely used in hospitals with sick children. Laughter is a great distracter for pain and studies show that children benefit more from their treatment and that their anxiety is reduced considerably after a few entertaining visits from a clown. Though laughter can't cure everything, it can certainly be considered as nature's most natural medicine.

- 1 Laughter brings people together.
- 2 Too much laughter has a number of negative side effects.
- 3 Laughter is a reflex that connects the brain with the immune system.
- 4 Laughter is as good as a 20 minute workout at the gym.
- 5 Clowns can make children feel better emotionally.

Marks: ____ /5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- 1 Why can laughter increase your sense of well-being?

- 2 What is psychoneuroimmunology?

- 3 What are the main health benefits of laughter?

- 4 What evidence is there that laughter is a valid treatment?

- 5 Why are clowns being used in hospitals?

Marks: ____ /15

Grammar

5 Complete the text. Write one word in each gap, where necessary.

Many people find ¹_____ difficult to follow a healthy diet. For example, it is well known ²_____ you should eat fruit and vegetables every day, but people still prefer their cakes and pies. Nutritionists also ³_____ it clear that a low fat diet is ⁴_____ essential for good health. This is something people often forget when dining out on fast foods. ⁵_____ is the high amounts of saturated fats that make these meals particularly unhealthy. People also find it hard ⁶_____ accept that eating lots of red meat ⁷_____ not good for you. Older generations recall the time when beef was a luxury. It may ⁸_____ explain why people eat so much meat today. Doctors admit ⁹_____ a lot of popular diets are not effective, and have problems convincing patients that ¹⁰_____ can be prejudicial to health.

Marks: __/10

6 Put the prompts in order. Then write sentences using preparatory *it* followed by a clause or infinitive expression.

- 1 surprising / don't recycle their rubbish / more people

- 2 homes without electricity / central London / incredible / find

- 3 annoying / all the tickets had been sold / discover

- 4 learn / pass your English oral exam / everyday English / essential

- 5 laugh now and again / be happy / if you don't / difficult

- 6 be not / good idea / the night before an exam / go out

- 7 win first prize / wonderful / last week

- 8 at this time of the year / people on the beach / see / unusual

- 9 his chemistry test / good marks / amazing / John got

- 10 normal / before taking / feel nervous / an exam

Marks: __/10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Andy Hi Steve. Did you choose a martial art in the end?
- Steve Yes, after a bit of ¹_____ and error, I decided that Tai Chi was right for me.
- Andy Tai Chi! That's for old people. It's so slow it must be ²_____ exciting as watching ³_____ dry?
- Steve Actually, I love it. You should give it a ⁴_____.
- Andy But it can't be as good for your health as other sports.
- Steve Actually, health experts ⁵_____ that Tai Chi is very good for your overall health, especially for high blood ⁶_____. Anyway, how's your foot?
- Andy It's better after the ⁷_____ from the physiotherapist but there's still a lot of ⁸_____. So no football for another few weeks. Fortunately my doctor has reduced my daily ⁹_____ of painkillers.
- Steve It looks like you need an ¹⁰_____ form of exercise until you can play again. Are you sure you don't want to do Tai Chi with me?

Marks: __/10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

- Dialogue 1
- A ¹_____?
- B Yes, I have. It was really relaxing but the mud felt quite slimy.
- A ²_____?
- B No, I haven't. I hate needles but think I'd like to try some other types of therapy.
- A ³_____?
- B Maybe aromatherapy, or something like yoga.
- Dialogue 2
- A Are you nervous?
- B Yes, very. I've ⁴_____.
- A Camomile tea is good for the nerves. Would you care for some?
- B ⁵_____ queasy.

Marks: __/10

Writing

9 Write a blog about a garden, park or forest that you have been to. Write 150–200 words and organize your writing into three paragraphs:

- Describe where you visited and what you saw.
- Describe new sensations and experiences you had there.
- Write a conclusion.

Marks: __/20

TOTAL: __/100

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with a new word or phrase formed from the words in brackets.

- Sheila's children are very badly-behaved. They ______. (murder)
- To be a famous actor you have to love the _____. (light)
- _____ is that advertising of tobacco products is detrimental to public health. (wisdom)
- Tom likes to _____ his younger brother Darren. (tabs)
- Young children often _____ famous footballers and pop stars. (look)
- The new school headmaster is much more _____ when it comes to new ideas. (accommodate)
- Jake is very _____, always relaxed and friendly with everyone. (easy)
- First-born children get a lot of attention so sometimes second-born children feel that their parents _____ them. (look)
- The new company director decided to _____ some of the decisions made by his predecessor. (ride)
- I don't like Terry very much. He's very self-centred and _____. (manipulate)

Marks: ___ /10

2 Complete the text.

Just because you come from the same family doesn't necessarily mean that you have the same ¹_____ traits. My elder sister, while generous and friendly, can come across as a ²_____ blanket, or a ³_____ violet in some social situations. But my younger sister is the life and ⁴_____ of the party. So my sisters' personalities are like ⁵_____ and cheese. My younger brother is more unpredictable – he can seem as ⁶_____ as pie one minute, but he also has a very short ⁷_____ if he doesn't get his own way. In contrast to my siblings, my own personality seems more balanced. I have a good head on my ⁸_____ and I'm very down to ⁹_____, though I admit I can be quite dogmatic and opinionated sometimes. I'm also quite thick-¹⁰_____ and able to take criticism from anyone. I usually make friends most easily with people who are witty and sociable.

Marks: ___ /10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

Your ideal teacher

According to the findings of a recent survey of UK secondary school children, successful teachers have specific personality characteristics and behaviours. Most students agreed that down-to-earth and accommodating teachers were the most effective. While students thought that it was nice to have teachers who made them laugh, this wasn't as important as having a teacher who was able to control and manage classes. Surprisingly, monitoring both students' academic progress and their behaviour was considered to be very important. Also surprising was the fact that students did not rate a teacher's knowledge of a subject over their ability to teach it. Practically all respondents thought that teachers who could communicate ideas and bring them alive in the classroom were the most successful teachers.

Teachers who appeared to listen to their students and make them feel valued were ranked the most effective. The survey ranked unfair teachers number one on the least effective teacher type list. In second place, were teachers who seemed not to be interested in their students, followed by boring teachers. To sum up, effective teachers need to be able to manage, engage with and to communicate with their students. Calm, creative and considerate were the top three desirable teacher personality adjectives students identified in the survey.

- Effective teachers have a wide range of personality characteristics.
- The teacher's ability to discipline was not considered to be important.
- Students valued teachers' humour over teachers' management skills.
- Teachers who listen or accept new ideas were rated highly.
- Boring teachers were thought to be not as bad as unfair teachers.

Marks: ___ /5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- What was the objective of the survey?

- Who took part in the survey?

- What teacher characteristics did students rate most highly?

- What behaviours did students find the least effective?

- What was surprising about the survey?

Marks: ___ /15

Grammar

5 Complete the sentences.

- 1 A My mock exam results were generally very good.
I should do well in the exams.
B Mine _____. I'll have to study a lot to improve them.
- 2 A I've got three sisters and two brothers.
B What a coincidence, me _____.
- 3 My careers guidance officer doesn't believe in personality tests and I don't _____.
- 4 Mary has applied to go to Oxford University and I _____.
- 5 A I love filling out those lifestyle questionnaires you get in magazines.
B I _____. I think they are a complete waste of time.
- 6 A Should I bring along an umbrella and a raincoat?
B I _____. According to the forecast, it's going to rain.
- 7 Many people are not happy with the new government, and _____ I.
- 8 A I haven't read the recommended books for the geography project yet.
B Oh, I _____. They're really useful.
- 9 My brother wanted to get a kebab for lunch, but _____.
- 10 A You won't be able to buy a bike if you keep spending like that.
B You're right! I _____.

Marks: ____/10

6 Look at the underlined word in each sentence. Is it incorrect or not necessary? Write the correct word, or write X if the word is not necessary.

- 1 Some people eat more than is it necessary.

- 2 Children in the developing world have less access to education than American children are.

- 3 Teenagers don't spend as many on music and books as they do on clothes.

- 4 Extrovert people are generally more healthier than introvert people.

- 5 Girls spend more on beauty products than boys spend.

- 6 There weren't as many people at the football final as there weren't last year.

- 7 I don't go skating as much as my brother do.

- 8 Smokers are more at risk of developing heart disease than are non-smokers.

- 9 More information was collected than was needed to.

- 10 Women these days are spending that much on mobile phones as men are.

Marks: ____/10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Tina Do you ever watch the TV soap opera *Jasmine Avenue*?
- Liza I certainly ¹_____.
- Tina They introduced Craig's new wife Julia last night.
- Liza Yes, I saw that ²_____. She's such a ³_____ blanket.
- Tina Well, she's not as boring as Craig's sister, Emily.
- Liza Yes, she's terrible. What do you think of their mother?
- Tina She's really manipulative and ⁴_____ -offish, and I don't think the business tycoon will marry her.
- Liza I don't think so ⁵_____.
- Tina He'd have to ⁶_____ tabs on her.
- Liza Indeed! Emily and her mother are like ⁷_____ and cheese, aren't they?
- Tina They are, but there's something about Emily that I don't like.
- Liza Me ⁸_____, and Craig always lets her get away with ⁹_____.
- Tina I bet you won't miss the next episode?
- Liza You're right. I ¹⁰_____.

Marks: ____/10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

- A ¹_____?
- B Yes I think she is. Mrs Jackson is very normal and practical.
- A ²_____?
- B No, I don't. I think she always likes to plan things carefully.
- A I don't like Mr Hurd very much.
- B I ³_____. He's really pretentious.

Dialogue 2

- A Is your brother easy-going and patient like you?
- B No, ⁴_____.
- A Fuse? What does that expression mean?
- B It ⁵_____.

Marks: ____/10

Writing

9 Write an essay comparing and contrasting two different fictitious people from either a film, a novel or a TV programme. Write about 200 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs.

- Write about the personalities you are comparing.
- Write about one similarity or difference between the two personalities.
- Write about a second similarity or difference between the two personalities.
- Write a conclusion.

Marks: ____/20

TOTAL: ____/100

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences.

- 1 _____ farming methods use natural products to protect the environment.
- 2 _____ the wheat this year is almost impossible due to the heavy rain all autumn.
- 3 If we don't find some _____ on this issue, we won't be able to move on with the project.
- 4 Jane's new business _____ has a lot of potential.
- 5 Opinions _____ considerably on the health benefits of organic vegetables.
- 6 There have been many _____ projects to show that farming without pesticides works.
- 7 Which charity would you like to _____ the money to?
- 8 Her _____ in life was to look after the poor and sick.
- 9 Intensive farming depends on _____ to improve their crop yields.
- 10 We've recently _____ to buying only organic fruit and vegetables.

Marks: __ /10

2 Complete the text.

Mashed potatoes is a typical simple British dish. Here's my own personal recipe. First of all, ¹ _____ the potatoes, being careful to remove all the skin. I use a potato ² _____. Next, put the potatoes into a saucepan and ³ _____ in salted water for 20 minutes. Once cooked, put everything into a ⁴ _____ to drain away the water. For the next stage you can use an electric food ⁵ _____, or a good old-fashioned ⁶ _____ to give the potatoes a creamy texture, or use a potato masher for a more chunky texture. Mash up the potatoes quickly adding some butter and milk. In a mortar and ⁷ _____, ⁸ _____ a clove of garlic, or use a garlic ⁹ _____. Then add to the mash with salt and pepper. Serve immediately and garnish with the king of herbs – some fresh green ¹⁰ _____.

Marks: __ /10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

Fish for supper?

There's nothing better than a fresh fish supper, but as more and more people consume fish, the world's supply is at risk. Widespread overfishing has been identified as a major environmental problem. Global stocks of most fish are being seriously reduced and 70% of species are being overfished.

Though many people around the world still use low-tech approaches to fishing, most fishing is being carried out by large industrial fishing fleets. Such fleets not only deplete fish stocks, but they also destroy the sea bed. As the demand for fish has grown and fishing technology has improved, market prices have fallen resulting in a considerable increase in fishing over the past decade. The net result of all this activity is overfishing.

The answer to this problem is not just to fish less, but to have more discussions between fishing companies and governments around the world. The fishing industry must take more responsibility to know what fish species are in low supply and not to remove endangered species while fishing. Also they need to ensure that fishing methods don't destroy coastal or ocean-floor habitats. Consumers have responsibilities, too. Make sure that you're not buying fish that is being overfished and in danger of depletion, such as cod, tuna and shark.

- 1 Too much fishing is harmful to the environment.
- 2 Most people around the world still fish in a traditional way.
- 3 Fish has become a cheaper and more popular commodity.
- 4 Large fishing fleets take care not to damage ocean-floor habitats.
- 5 The fishing industry has not been regulated well on an international level.

Marks: __ /5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- 1 Why has fishing become a problem?

- 2 What specific problems result from high-tech fishing?

- 3 Why has the price of fish gone down in the last decade?

- 4 What issues should the fishing industry and governments be dealing with?

- 5 What responsibility does the consumer have?

Marks: __ /15

Grammar

5 Find the mistake in each line. Write the correction or the word that is not needed below.

- 1 In a good restaurant, that all diners want is a good
- 2 waiter. It's the service that make the difference.
- 3 What I do like is quick service and what gives a good
- 4 impression it is service with a smile. Next to service,
- 5 it the food that is important. What makes
- 6 a restaurant exceptional are the cuisine, and what
- 7 makes it popular it's the relationship between
- 8 price and quality. These golden ingredients is
- 9 that every successful restaurant owner hopes for.
- 10 What do you expect is from a good restaurant?
- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____

Marks: __/10

6 Answer the questions with the words in the box to make a question-word clause.

eating five portions of fruit and vegetables a day

fresh herbs and vegetables friendly reception staff

the positive effects for the environment

the lack of chemicals over-priced food

the quality of coffee sleep well the night before

sports facilities visiting the ancient monuments

- 1 What do you like most about Rome?
- What _____.
- 2 What do you most like about your new school?
- What _____.
- 3 What do you need to remember before taking an exam?
- What _____.
- 4 What gives a good impression in a hotel?
- What _____.
- 5 What makes Lebanese cuisine so delicious?
- What _____.
- 6 What makes a café popular?
- What _____.
- 7 What do people dislike most about restaurants?
- What _____.
- 8 What keeps you healthy?
- What _____.
- 9 What makes sustainable farming beneficial?
- What _____.
- 10 What do people like about organically-farmed products?
- What _____.

Marks: __/10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Pam How was Turkey?
- Tina It was wonderful. ¹_____ I liked most was the food. ²_____ is the fresh ingredients, and herbs and ³_____ like cinnamon that ⁴_____ it so special.
- Pam You were worried about the food before you went, weren't you?
- Tina Yes, I was, but now I'll have to ⁵_____ my words. We were invited to someone's home for dinner one evening. I watched them prepare it! What was interesting was the simplicity of it all. There was no ⁶_____ processor, just a big knife to ⁷_____ all the vegetables and a pestle and ⁸_____.
- Pam What was the ⁹_____ like in the restaurants?
- Tina Excellent. All the waiters were really friendly and polite.
- Pam I'm sure. And what are the desserts like?
- Tina You just can't beat baklava. I can tell you, when it came to meals I had my ¹⁰_____ and I ate it!

Marks: __/10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

- Dialogue 1
- A ¹_____?
- B It's used for draining away water from rice, for example.
- A And a wok?
- B ²_____
- A ³_____?
- B Yes, I do. What do you want to know? I'm a great chef.
- A ⁴_____?
- B It's the spices that make Indian food so hot.
- Dialogue 2
- A I understand you haven't made any new friends in your new class yet. How do you feel?
- B ⁵_____.

Marks: __/10

Writing

9 Write an informative article about fast food in your country. Write about 200 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:

- Write about the typical fast food options found in your country.
- Write about who consumes fast food and why.
- Write about what people in your country think about fast food.
- Write your conclusion about the role of fast food in your society.

Marks: __/20

TOTAL: __/100

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences, replacing the underlined words with a suitable word or expression.

- From the first time they met, Carol and Megan were immediate friends.
From the first time they met, Carol and Megan _____.
- My tennis match is at the same time as the TV programme.
My tennis match _____ with the TV programme.
- We have a new place to play football.
We have a new football _____.
- I have no problem expressing my point of view in a discussion.
I have no problem _____.
- It is too simplistic to say that all doctors are rich.
It is an _____ to say that all doctors are rich.
- She has an excellent relationship with her students.
She has an excellent _____ with her students.
- The speeches were translated as they were delivered.
The speeches were translated _____.
- There is very little feeling of friendship or trust between the players.
There is very little _____ between the players.
- Wendy was shy and unwillingly to join in the conversation.
Wendy was _____ to join in the conversation.
- Rugby players have to stop their opponents by trying to pull them to the ground.
Rugby players have to _____ their opponents.

Marks: ____ /10

2 Complete the diary text.

I almost hit the ¹_____ with Henry this afternoon. He behaved really badly towards the new guy in the class debate. OK, the new guy was a bit pretentious but, you shouldn't ²_____ a book by its ³_____. While the new guy was talking, Henry ⁴_____ comments in David's ear and they laughed. If they wanted to ⁵_____, they should have left the room. Sally ⁶_____ the nail on the ⁷_____ when she pointed out that Henry was probably jealous of him. It's not that Henry said a lot, but it was more his body language, and his hostile looks that created a bad atmosphere – actions always ⁸_____ louder than ⁹_____. I'm afraid, Henry, I feel, would benefit from some lessons in social ¹⁰_____ and manners.

Marks: ____ /10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

Visiting a Japanese home

Before visiting a Japanese home it is important to know something about Japanese etiquette. A good starting point is the traditional greeting of bowing. A bow can range from a long bow, a 90 degree bend from the waist to show utmost respect to someone of a high social status, to a small nod of the head for informal situations. Handshakes are rare. When entering a Japanese home, after an initial greeting you usually leave your outdoor shoes at the doorway. You will be given slippers, but be prepared to take them off if you go into a room with straw mats on the floor.

If you have been invited to share a meal, then an understanding of table manners is essential. In many homes, meals are served on low tables so expect to sit on cushions on the floor. It is common to share several dishes, and, of course, everyone eats with chopsticks. While you are talking over dinner, never point with your chopsticks, and once you have finished eating, lay them down in front of you making sure that the tips point to the left. Eat up all your rice, as it's considered bad manners to leave any. Once you've finished eating you should move all the dishes back to the position they were in when you started the meal.

- In Japan, bowing is more frequent than any other form of greeting.
- You should bring along indoor shoes when visiting a Japanese home.
- If you eat in a Japanese home, don't expect to sit on a chair.
- There are customs for the use of chopsticks.
- Leaving some food on your plate is important.

Marks: ____ /5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- What do you indicate with the length of a bow?

- When would you remove your slippers in a Japanese home?

- How do the Japanese typically eat their meals?

- What is considered bad manners at the table?

- How do you show that you have finished eating?

Marks: ____ /15

Grammar

5 Choose the correct options.

- 1 **Despite / While** living in Paris for ten years, I didn't meet many French people.
- 2 When **travelling / travelled** on the London underground, I was careful to follow the rules.
- 3 **Not wanting / Don't wanted** to wake up her mother, Jenny left the house very quietly.
- 4 Switch off your mobile on public transport **because of / since** speaking loudly in public is considered rude.
- 5 Students **found / being found** to be cheating in exams will be expelled from school.
- 6 Having sent the manager three emails, I decided not **write / to write** to him again.
- 7 **Since / After** taking exercise, it's advisable to stretch your muscles and drink water.
- 8 **As / If** learning English in England, you should try to meet some English people.
- 9 When on public transport only speak when **speaking / spoken** to.
- 10 If **stopping / stopped** by the police in the street, you need to present you documentation.

Marks: ___ /10

6 Rewrite the sentences using present participles. Start each sentence with the correct form of the underlined word.

- 1 As I didn't want to be a lawyer, I changed my degree subject.

- 2 Tom felt very satisfied because he had finished the painting.

- 3 I asked for directions as I didn't know where I was going.

- 4 Ian shouted loudly because he realized that the boy was about to jump in the river.

- 5 Philip decided to phone home because he felt homesick.

- 6 Katie's best achievement last year was when she was awarded her swimming certificate.

- 7 The footballer left the stadium by the back entrance as he thought this was the best thing to do.

- 8 As I didn't want to see Jane, I didn't go to the party.

- 9 I asked for some help with my homework because I didn't understand it.

- 10 Joan was speaking on her mobile when she entered the café.

Marks: ___ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Sue How's your brother Pete?
- Rita Oh. I'd almost forgotten about him, out of sight out of ¹_____. He's gone to London for a training course. It's on group dynamics and how to build ²_____ between people.
- Sue It sounds challenging, but he'll love London. I adore it ³_____ lived there for two years. Though it's really expensive. My father nearly hit the ⁴_____ when he realized how much I was spending. Then there's the public transport. Not ⁵_____ the rules can get you into trouble.
- Rita That's a bit of an ⁶_____, don't you think? I think it's good that they have some sort of travel ⁷_____ but I'm sure Pete won't even notice.
- Sue Do you miss him?
- Rita Definitely not. As you know we don't really ⁸_____ it off and we've never had much ⁹_____. Besides, ¹⁰_____ having to listen to him playing his guitar is a real treat.

Marks: ___ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

- Dialogue 1
- A ¹_____ running?
- B Yes, he did. He had a lot of friends in the film business.
- A ²_____ big?
- B He did for a few years and even won an Oscar.
- A ³_____?
- B Unfortunately, his career hit the buffers after a while.
- Dialogue 2
- A We don't need all these people to prepare the food for the party.
- B I agree. ⁴_____.
- A Well, you could use another proverb to say the opposite.
- B Yes. ⁵_____!

Marks: ___ /10

Writing

9 Write some advice to a foreigner visiting someone's home in your country. Write about 200 words and organize your writing into three paragraphs:

- Write about the importance of visiting someone's home in your culture.
- Give advice about things that are essential when visiting someone's home.
- Write about any other pieces of advice a foreigner should remember.

Marks: ___ /20

TOTAL: ___ /100

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

 incapacitated inept inexplicable insignificant
 intrepid portable uncanny undaunted
 unimaginable unwieldy

- 1 Jack's excellent exam results are _____ as he never does any homework and he never studies.
- 2 The main character in the story is an _____ warrior who is not afraid of anyone.
- 3 The ambassador was _____ by severe criticism and went on to give his controversial speech about nuclear power.
- 4 My father was _____ after the car accident and could not work for six months.
- 5 A whole country powered by solar energy is _____ at the moment.
- 6 The project was _____, too big and too complex to manage effectively.
- 7 It is _____ how Sue can always predict the physics exam questions.
- 8 I never ask my older brother to help me with my maths homework, he's totally _____ at numbers!
- 9 The level of carbon emissions from farm animals is not _____.
- 10 This _____ air conditioning unit is brilliant. You can move it from room to room, depending on where it is needed.

Marks: ____/10

2 Complete the diary text.

My husband Jim and I ¹ _____ from a three-bedroom flat in London to a house boat on the River Thames. It was a big change but we were ² _____ and determined to do it. First of all, we had to get ³ _____ of most of our furniture because we had a lot less living ⁴ _____. Having said that, our new home can still ⁵ _____ four people. I do miss having a ⁶ _____ on top of my home where I can store things that I don't need, but that was a luxury. The main thing is that it's much cheaper living on a boat. The bills we had when we lived in the flat were just ⁷ _____, we couldn't afford them! We now have an electricity ⁸ _____ and solar ⁹ _____ so we can make our own energy. Boats, of course are much less ¹⁰ _____ than buildings. They won't last a long time without constant painting, repairs and maintenance, but that's all part of the fun.

Marks: ____/10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

The sun is the answer

Solar power is the conversion of sunlight into energy and is by far the world's most available energy source. It is a renewable fuel and eco-friendly. Because solar power depends on lots of sunshine, it is not surprising that Spain, one of the sunniest countries in Europe, is one of the most advanced countries in solar energy development and is the world's fourth manufacturer of solar power technology.

Europe's first solar power tower plant was opened in the Spanish city of Seville in 2007. The 11-megawatt solar power tower produces electricity from the sun using 624 large movable mirrors called heliostats. Each of the mirrors concentrates the sun's rays to the top of a 115 metre-high tower. In the tower there is a steam turbine that drives a generator to produce electricity.

Spain has also been a pioneer in photovoltaic technology, which converts sunlight directly into electricity. Since the 1990s many photovoltaic plants have been opened throughout the country. In 2010 Spain was able to generate twelve per cent of all power consumed from renewable energy, most of this from solar power. This percentage is likely to double in the next decade.

- 1 The sun is the world's biggest potential source of energy.
- 2 Spain is the most advanced producer of solar power.
- 3 Heliostats are mirrors that concentrate the sun's rays.
- 4 Europe's first photovoltaic solar power tower was opened in 2007.
- 5 In 2010, most of Spain's energy came from solar power.

Marks: ____/5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- 1 Why is solar power a good alternative to traditional energy sources?

- 2 What natural advantage does Spain have in Europe?

- 3 What does the solar power tower use to make electricity?

- 4 In which two areas is Spain a pioneer in solar technology?

- 5 What change will there be to Spain's energy supply in the future?

Marks: ____/15

Grammar

5 Rewrite the sentences using inversion. Change the tense if necessary.

- By taking shorter showers, we can save water and reduce energy consumption as well.
Not only _____
also reduce energy consumption.
- When the price of solar panels went down people started to use them more.
Not until the price of solar panels went down _____.
- We started using energy-saving appliances and we noticed a saving in our electricity bill.
No sooner _____
than we noticed a saving in our electricity bill.
- We stayed at a hotel. It was very cheap.
The hotel _____ very cheap.
- We didn't realize the advantages of downsizing our family car.
Little _____ of
downsizing our family car.
- We have rarely seen such a beautiful sunset.
Seldom _____ seen.
- I am determined that I am not going to make the same mistake again.
Under no circumstances _____
the same mistake again.
- You have to get a security pass in order to enter.
Only after _____ can you enter.
- The moment Henry arrived at the airport, he realized he had left his passport at home.
No sooner _____
he had left his passport at home.
- I have never forgotten my promise to him.
At no time _____ my promise to him.

Marks: __ /10

6 Correct the mistake in each sentence.

- New phones don't weigh up much as older ones.

- As many as 65% of domestic rubbish is deposited in special recycling bins. _____
- Sadly, there are as many as 50 king cheetahs left in the wild. _____
- It's a bargain! It costs as few as £50. _____
- The cost of manufacturing has become very cheaper.
Now many more people can afford one. _____
- We'll need as much as ten people. _____
- There are as few than three students regularly attending the school chess club. _____
- Each year, as many as one billion computer are put in landfills. _____
- Sue doesn't look as younger as her sister. _____
- Last year he weighed as few as 50 kg. _____

Marks: __ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Emma Hi Penny. I didn't see you on the bus this morning.
- Penny Yes, I used eco-¹ _____ transport. I came by bike. Did you know that as ² _____ as 10,000 people ride bikes in this town? Seldom ³ _____ I got to school so quickly!
- Emma But what about all those car ⁴ _____?
- Penny I wear a mask which filters out all the ⁵ _____ chemicals.
- Emma I suppose it's better than the school bus which breaks ⁶ _____ all the time.
- Penny Yes, and it lowers your ⁷ _____ footprint, reduces ⁸ _____ gases thus protecting the ⁹ _____.
- Emma Unfortunately, I don't have a bike any more. It was so old that my father took it to the ¹⁰ _____ just outside of town.

Marks: __ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

- A ¹ _____?
- B You should use energy-saving light bulbs and ² _____.
- A ³ _____?
- B You should take it to a recycling centre.

Dialogue 2

- A How many pandas are left in the wild?
- B ⁴ _____.

Dialogue 3

- A I don't know how you are going to have a dinner party in this small space! Will we eat on the floor?
- B Of course not. ⁵ _____.
I keep it under the sofa.

Marks: __ /10

Writing

9 Write a cause and effect report on the potential benefits of increased investment into public transport in your town or city. Write about 200 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:

- Present your first consequence and its secondary consequence.
- Present a second consequence and its secondary consequence.
- Present a third consequence and its secondary consequence.
- Write a conclusion.

Marks: __ /20

TOTAL: __ /100

Vocabulary

1 Replace the underlined words with a suitable word or expression.

- Jamie was asked to represent his country at the Olympics. _____
- Di Xiao had to practise a lot as a child to become the extremely skilful violinist she is today. _____
- I will always love and keep my childhood memories of living in Argentina. _____
- Tom spoke so much that it was difficult to enter and contribute to the conversation. _____
- Harrow school is one of the most highly regarded public schools in the UK. _____
- Charlotte was determined and certain that she was not going to change her mind. _____
- This minister of education received enthusiastic applause after her speech. _____
- There has been an untypical and previously unknown amount of rainfall this summer. _____
- They will introduce the new health drink into the market just before the summer. _____
- The much praised and respected author passed away last night. _____

Marks: ____ /10

2 Complete the text.

You don't have to be a ¹_____ to realize that the secret to social success is good communication. Some people have a natural ²_____ for communicating. Good communicators come across as level-³_____ and even when under ⁴_____, get ⁵_____ their ideas clearly and in calm way. While less ⁶_____ communicators can get ⁷_____ on a day to day basis, they often fail to get to ⁸_____ with the subtleties of good communication. Bad communicators characteristically can behave badly in a conversation, for example, getting ⁹_____ someone in public. They often don't listen or think before they speak and almost always fail to get to the ¹⁰_____ of a theme or topic being discussed.

Marks: ____ /10

Reading

3 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

Art for children with learning difficulties

Art is more than just play. It gives children, and especially those with learning difficulties, a means to develop their confidence and self-esteem, which helps improve their overall academic and social abilities.

One of the key benefits of using art therapy is that it provides an opportunity for children to express themselves through nonverbal communication, overcoming many physical and cognitive impediments. For many LD (learning difficulty) children, communication is challenging, but art allows them to convey a message which makes them feel important and heard. Creative output also helps to channel emotions and behaviour in a positive way. Painting and drawing can help LD children to focus and to relax, thus promoting calmness, and playing a musical instrument can help them gain self-control and release tensions.

Perhaps one of the most convincing arguments for using art in therapy is that it can promote positive social attitudes and develop social skills. Through art LD children learn to work, to listen to, communicate and cooperate with each other. They also observe that other children have different abilities, strengths and weaknesses. Most important of all, they learn that they can participate with their own set of abilities in a group environment.

- Art therapy is designed for LD children.
- Art provides a different channel for personal communication.
- Painting is a good activity for quiet children.
- Art therapy helps children verbally express their social strengths and weaknesses.
- Art therapy can help a child to participate in a social situation.

Marks: ____ /5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- Why is art good for communication for LD children?

- Why is art good for behaviour and emotions?

- What are the different art activities that children can do?

- What social skills can art therapy help LD children develop?

- How can art therapy help a child value themselves?

Marks: ____ /15

Grammar

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the box.

bring up call off figure out get away with
live down pass up put up with set off turn down
water down

- I have read your essay. You need to _____ your arguments, they're too strong.
- To avoid the holiday traffic we decided to _____ early in the morning.
- Ronita _____ Simon's kind offer to help her with the research for her history project.
- I am sorry to _____ this _____ again Annie, but don't forget that you owe me some money.
- How do you _____ Laura's behaviour? She's terrible.
- The tickets are free! You can't _____ on the opportunity to see this great musician live.
- What a huge mistake I made, I'll never be able to _____ it _____.
- The parents had to _____ off little Tony's birthday party because he had broken his leg.
- Dan always arrives late to school and he seems to _____ it. No one says anything!
- How long did it take you to _____ the solution to that equation?

Marks: ____ /10

6 Correct the mistake in each sentence. Some words are incorrect, others need to be added or put in the correct order.

- Sorry there's no match tonight. The authorities have called off. _____
- Harry tried to pretend he had forgotten to do his homework but he didn't get away it with. _____
- I found it difficult to put down with his constant criticism of the school basketball team. _____
- It is important that you don't go back your promises on. _____
- We need new ideas but how can we come up them with? _____
- You've made a few mistakes in this essay. I'm surprised your teacher didn't pick up on it. _____
- Danny's looking better, he seems to be getting his illness over now. _____
- Samantha was hoping to draw off a new study plan by the end of the day. _____
- You should be careful not to water it down your main argument. _____
- Sorry we can't do the job this month, we don't have enough staff to take on it. _____

Marks: ____ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

- Fred How are you getting on with your music essay?
- Andy Funny you should ¹ _____ that up, I've just finished it.
- Fred I'm going to hand mine in next week.
- Andy Really! Mrs Jackson won't ² _____ up with that. She's very strict on deadlines. I wrote about the ³ _____ Mozart.
- Fred Did you write it all yourself?
- Andy Well, actually, I watered ⁴ _____ an article I found on the internet.
- Fred You won't get ⁵ _____ with that. Mrs Jackson reads everything on the net.
- Andy Oh no! I'd never be able to ⁶ _____ that down. I'd better write about someone else. Any ideas? I'm really ⁷ _____ pressure here!
- Fred Why don't you write about a famous musician? How about the ⁸ _____ violinist Midiro Goto.
- Andy I'll have to ⁹ _____ up on that one. Alice is writing about her. Maybe I can write about a famous ¹⁰ _____, I love the piano.

Marks: ____ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

- Dialogue 1
- A ¹ _____?
- B I realized when he started drawing horses at the age of five, that's talent.
- A ² _____?
- B No, he doesn't have an aptitude for numbers. But he's good at music.
- A ³ _____.
- B The piano, and the flute a bit.

Dialogue 2

- A What was the proudest moment in your sporting career?
- B ⁴ _____.
- A Yes, that's a big honour representing a nation. What memory do you cherish of the Olympics?
- B ⁵ _____.
- I'll never forget the feeling of standing on that podium.

Marks: ____ /10

Writing

9 Write a summary of the story of a film or book that you have enjoyed. Write about 200 words and include the information below:

- Where and when the story takes place.
- The main characters in the story.
- The main plot of the film or story.

Marks: ____ /20

TOTAL: ____ /100